

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. No additional fee is required for this timely filed Amendment as the number of independent claims has not changed, and the total number of claims has not changed.

Drawing

Applicant notes that the USPTO records (e.g., filing receipt) indicate the originally filed Patent Application included a drawing. The undersigned also found a copy of the originally filed drawing in the Image File Wrapper on PAIR.

Upon receiving the Office Action, Applicant faxed a Transmittal of Replacement Drawing on 12 September 2007, to enter a courtesy copy of the figure into the record. Because this Transmittal was faxed, the "Replacement Sheet" header was obscured by a header printed by the fax machine. Thus the USPTO issued the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 19 September 2007. The Transmittal dated 12 September 2007 was not an Amendment, but regardless Applicant believes the issue is moot in view of the enclosed Second Transmittal of Replacement Drawing with the drawing having the appropriate header.

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Amendment to the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, and to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added to the claims by this Amendment.

Claim Objection

Claims 1-16 have been objected to for the reasons set forth at page 2 of the Office Action. As Applicant has made the changes suggested by the Examiner, Applicant believes the objection is rendered moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the time and effort in determining that all claims are allowable (upon entry of the above Amendment). If any further change is deemed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Conclusion

Applicant intends to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicant has

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not addressed or resolved in this response, the undersigned attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

Applicant sincerely believes that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully requests early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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